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Narrator Personalities and Origins

TWO ACCOUNTS OF THE CAYLA, KING AND SUEZ FAMILIES

by

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Laurette Frances Suez was born July 23, 1920 in Petaluma. A few years later the Suez family moved to the Bay Area, living first in the East Bay and then in San Francisco, returning to Petaluma in 1928. In 1934, her parents, William and Odette (Cayla) Suez bought five acres on the Southwest corner of Horn Avenue and Lohrman Lane from her grandmother and built the home that is presently occupied by her daughter and granddaughter, Melanie and Danielle Vaupel.

Odette (Cayla) Suez was born in Decazville, France and came to San Francisco at age 6 with her parents, Euphrasie Melanie (Frasinet) Cayla and Jules Marcellin Cayla. After several years living in the South of Market area, the family moved to Petaluma before Word War I. Odette met William while she was working in an ice cream parlor in Petaluma. They were married in 1919.

The Suez/King families, as many families of Portuguese descent Anglicized or changed their names after coming to America. The Suez family name was changed from Soares three generations earlier. The King family name was changed from

Coehlo to King when John Joseph Coehlo, a whaler, who traveled from the Azores to California via Lahaina, Hawaii, 1852-53. His middle name, Joseph, is Joaquim in Portuguese — the last part of the name sounded like King in English and that was adopted by the whole family in the Petaluma area, where the family settled in the early 1860s.

WILLIAM J. SUEZ

My Great Grandfather King (changed from Coehlo) was my Grandmother Suez' father and he migrated from St. George Island in the Azores. He checked the soil around where the Mark Hopkins is located and didn't approve of it for growing potatoes. He then came to Petaluma and purchased land across from the Wilson School which is still owned by the King Family.

The Suez family I think came from Portugal and landed in Boston where my grandfather was born and then they later moved to Petaluma. The name was changed from Suares to Suez. My grandfather was the only child.

My dad was born on the same ranch where he later lived out the rest of his life. He went to the Wilson School and also St. Vincents. He worked for a company called Hilderbrand where he candled eggs (I'm not sure about the Poultry Producers). We later moved to Oakland where he was in the same line of work and then to San Francisco to a firm called O'Caspersons and Sons. My dad candled eggs. Candler had to stand all day. His legs ached at night. Eventually back to Petaluma working for the same firm only picking up eggs from the ranches.

My mother was born in a town in the southern part of France called the Decazville. Her mother came to San Francisco in 1907 with a group and left the husband and

three children there. She later sent for the family after she found a job at the Palace Hotel. Later they moved to Petaluma where my Grandfather Cayla worked for the railroad.

Mother and dad met before World War I. She was employed by a confectionery and also worked at the Silk Mill. After my father returned from the war in Europe, they were married. She was only 19.

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Family History Questionnaire

| | <u>Name</u> | <u>Birthdate</u> | <u>Birthplace</u> | <u>Deceased? Date</u> |
|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Parents*</u> | William J. Suez | 12/12/1890 | Petaluma | 8/8/1984 |
| | Odette M. Cayla | 11/19/1899 | Decazille, France | 2/2/1972 |

Brothers & Sisters Brother stillborn

Grandparents* Frances King (Coehlo) San Leandro
 Manuel (Seared) Suez Boston, Mass.
 Euphrasie M. Frasinet 1873? France
 Jules M. Cayla 8/16/1868 Aubin, France

Spouse John Weber Brinley 11/4/19 Woodland, CA

Children Melanie A. Vaupel 9/19/48 Sacramento, CA
 Michelle F. Kay 5/5/50 Sacramento, CA
 Martin W. Brinley 3/3/53 Sacramento, CA
 John K. Brinley 6/24/59 Sacramento, CA

Grandchildren Samuel W. Brinley 3/7/77 Napa, CA
 Amanda L. Brinley 6/23/81 Angwin, CA
 John K. Brinley 4/20/84 Napa, CA
 Danielle L. Vaupel 2/7/81 Jackson, Wyo.
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 Justine J. Kay 8/2/86 Scottsdale, AZ
 Jillian L. Kay 7/8/91 Laguna Hills, CA

*Please include maiden name of mother and grandmothers.

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Narrator Personal Information Questionnaire

Name Brinley Laurette Frances (Suez)
Last First Middle (Maiden)

Address 1200 West 8th St.
Davis, CA 92677

Marital status: Married ☒ Single ☐ Divorced ☐ Widowed ☐

Birthdate 7-23-20 Birthplace Petaluma

Length of residence in Petaluma (or Sonoma County) 20 years (off and on)

Education: Elementary school St. Pauls (SF) St. Vincents

Secondary school Petaluma Jr High, & High Grad 1938

College Santa Rosa J.C. Grad 1940

Other _____

Occupation(s) or former occupations(s) Secretary: BOFA (Petaluma),
Associated Oil (SF) Office of Price Administration (SF)

Travels Extensive travels - Europe, Asia, Latin America,
USA & Canada

Organizations, clubs Farm Circle (Davis), Altar Society St James
Church (Davis), Volunteer Cancer Society,

Other special interests _____

Additional comments _____

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